ARP The Process and the Protocol

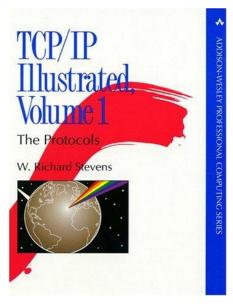
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- The information explained in this section is a simplification and extrapolation of the actual ARP determination process.
- Although conceptually accurate, the actual process is slightly different and more complex.
- However, for the purposes of this curriculum, the explanation contained in this section provide a good basis of understanding.
- For further reading, I suggest TCP/IP Illustrated Vol. 1 by W. Richard Stevens.



TCP/IP and ARP

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The TCP/IP Suite of Pr	rotocols
	File Transfer: FTP, TFTP, NFS, HTTP
Application	Email: SMTP
	Remote Login: Telnet, rlogin
	Network Management: SNMP, BootP
	Name Management: DNS, DHCP
Transport	TCP, UDP
Internet/Network	IP, ICMP, IGMP, ARP, RARP
Network Interface	Not Specified: Ethernet, 802.3, Token Ring, 802.5,
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ARP is a layer 3 protocol, one of many protocols within the TCP/IP suite of protocols.

Why do devices have a MAC Address and an IP Address?

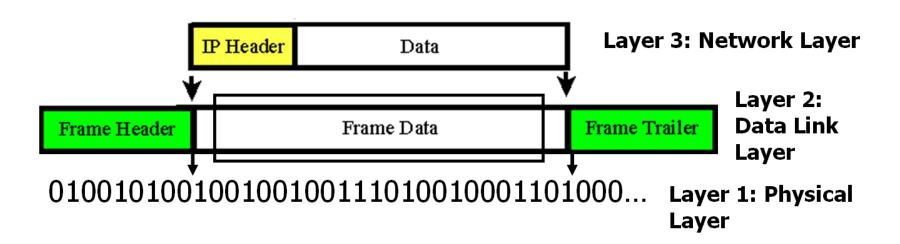
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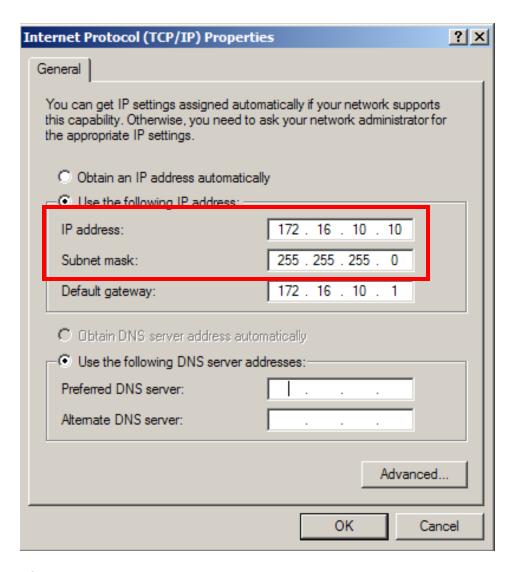
- Devices, (hosts, routers, servers, etc.) use IP addresses to reach other devices within their own network/subnet or across different networks/subnets.
- Layer 3 addresses such as IP addresses, which include an original source address of the sending device and the final destination address of the intended recipient.
- Again, these IP addresses consist of the original source address and final destination address.
- Once the packet is sent, these addresses do not change.
- Data Link addresses, such as Ethernet MAC addresses are used to get the IP packet from one hop to the next, within the same network.
- If the sender and the receiver are on different networks (or subnets) the data link address in the data link frame will be modified to reflect the new data link address source and data link address destination.
- This will become clearer in a moment.
- Again, the IP addresses do not change.
- You may wish to review the section on Encapsulation and Routers for more clarification.

Why do devices have a MAC Address and an IP Address?

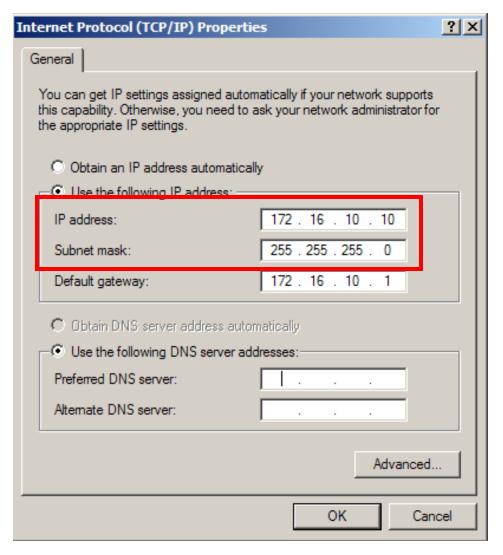
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- The simple answer is deliver the IP packet inside an Ethernet frame to the next hop along the way.
- The next hop may very well be the final destination.
- To better explain this, lets use a couple of examples.





What information does the IP Address and Subnet provide for this host?



Network 172.16.10.0

By doing the AND operation, it tells the host what network/subnet it belongs to.

Host IP Address and Subnet Mask

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- What do all devices in the same LAN have in common?
 - Host IP address on the same network.
 - Same Subnet Mask.
- The AND operation on the host IP address and subnet mask tells the host what network it belongs to.

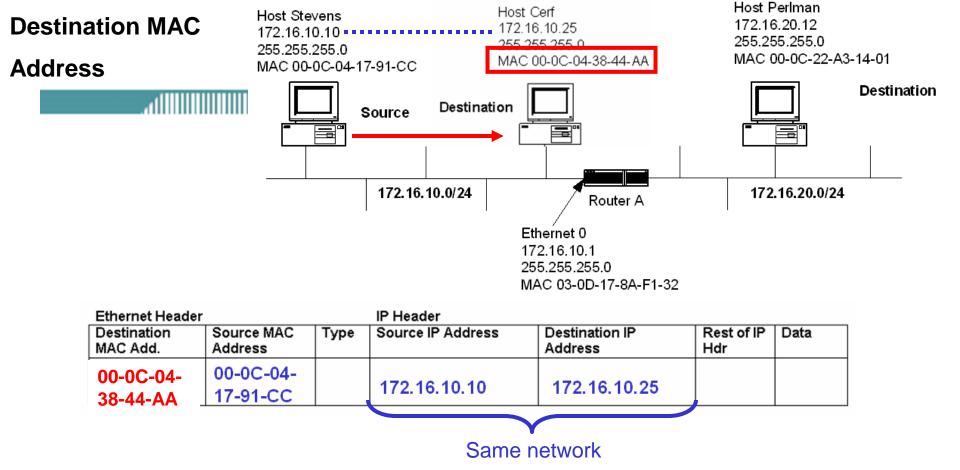


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- What does the Ethernet Destination MAC Address do?
 - Allows the transmission of the data (e.g. IP packet) to a device on the same LAN (also has an Ethernet NIC).
- What devices are on the same LAN?

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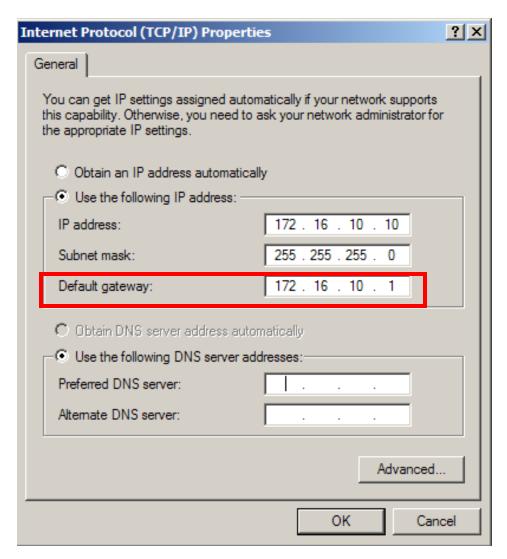
- Hosts, printers, etc. with that belong to the same IP network.
- Default gateway, Router, which also has an IP address on the same network.



- What would the Destination MAC address be for IP packets sent within the same LAN, network?
 - The Destination MAC address would be that of the device that we are sending the IP packet to.
 - The device's **Destination MAC address** would be associated with the **Destination IP address**.

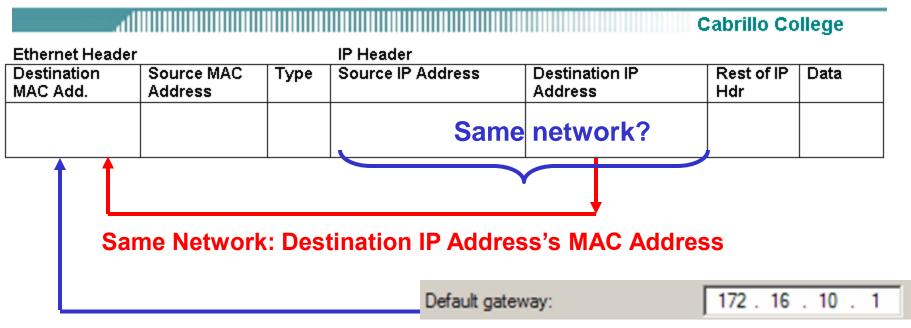
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- What would the Destination MAC address for IP packets sent outside the LAN, on a different network?
 - The destination MAC address will be the MAC address associated with the IP Address of the Default Gateway.
 - The host must know the IP address of the Default Gateway to communicate with devices outside its own network.



Router's IP Address

The Default Gateway, Router, will have an IP address and subnet mask that is on the same network as the hosts on that network.



Different Network: The Default Gateway's MAC Address

- The Destination MAC Address will always be one of two addresses.
 - Same network: The MAC address associated with the device's Destination IP Address.
 - Different network: The MAC address associated with the IP Address of the Default Gateway.

Ethernet Header			IP Header		Cabrillo Co	
Destination MAC Add.	Source MAC Address	Туре	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Rest of IP Hdr	Data
			Com	ne network?		

So, here is the **big question**:

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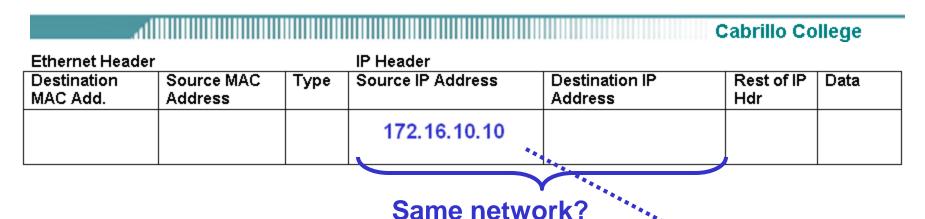
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 - They all have the same subnet mask (and of course a host IP address in the same network).



- How does a host know what network it is on?
 - Does an AND operation on its host IP address and subnet mask.
- We know how a host can tell what network it belongs to.



My Network = 172.16.10.0

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Ethernet Head	er		IP Header			
Destination MAC Add.	Source MAC Address	Туре	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Rest of IP Hdr	Data
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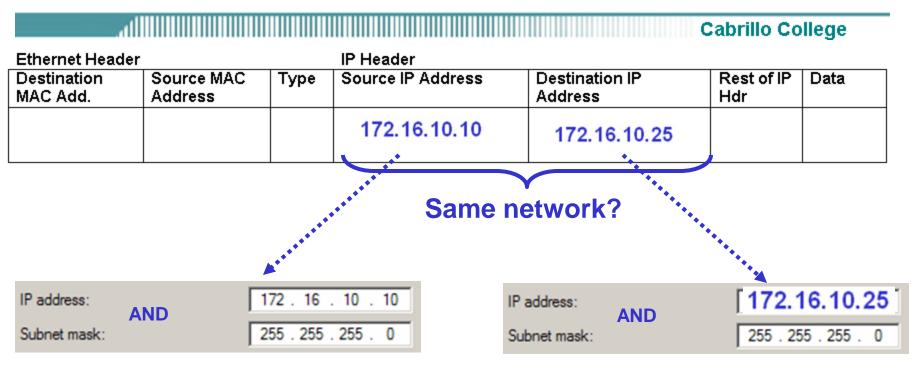
Same network?

- What do all devices in the same network have in common?
 - They all have the same subnet mask (and of course a host IP address in the same network).
- If the Destination host is on the same network as the Source host, that would mean there Subnet Masks would be the same.
- Do an AND operation on the Destination IP Address and the Subnet Mask of the sending host.

IP address: AND Subnet mask: [172.16.10.25]

Destination Network = 172.16.10.0

- If this matches the sending host's network, then they are on the same network.
- If it does not match the sending host's network, then they are on different networks.

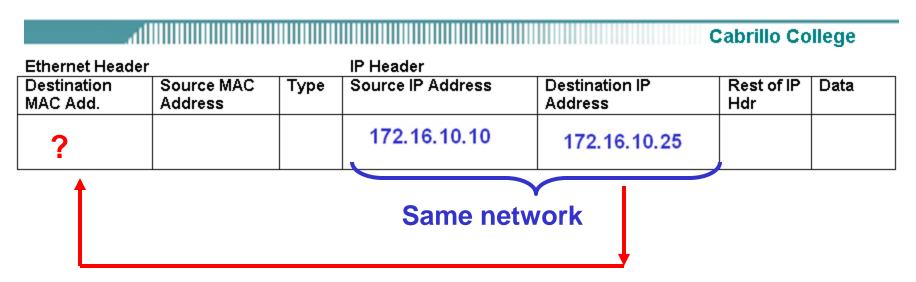


My Network = 172.16.10.0

Destination Network = 172.16.10.0

Same network? YES!

 In this case both the Source IP Address and the Destination IP Address are on the same network.



Same Network: Destination IP Address's MAC Address

- Since they are on the same network, the Destination MAC Address will be the MAC Address of the host with the Destination IP Address.
- Where does the sending host look for this information?

ARP: Address Resolution Protocol The ARP Table or ARP Cache

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IP Address to MAC Address Mappings

ARP Table					
IP Address	MAC Address				
172.16.10.3	00-0C-04-32-14-A1				
172.16.10.19	00-0C-14-02-00-19				
172.16.10.33	00-0C-A6-19-46-C1				

Host Stevens 172.16.10.10 255.255.255.0 MAC 00-0C-04-17-91-CC



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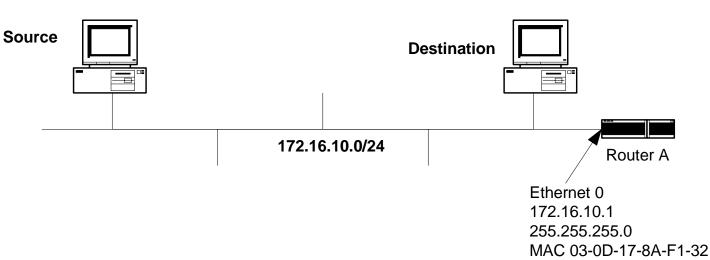
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00-0C-04- 38-44-AA	00-0C-04- 17-91-CC		172.16.10.10	172.16.10.25		

ARP Table MAC Address
IP Address MAC Address
172.16.10.25 00-0C-04-38-44-AA

Host Stevens 172.16.10.10 255.255.255.0 MAC 00-0C-04-17-91-CC It will look for it in it's ARP Table or ARP Cache.

- The ARP Table maintains IP Address to MAC Address mappings.
- Every device that participates in Ethernet and IP will have such a table, including hosts and routers.

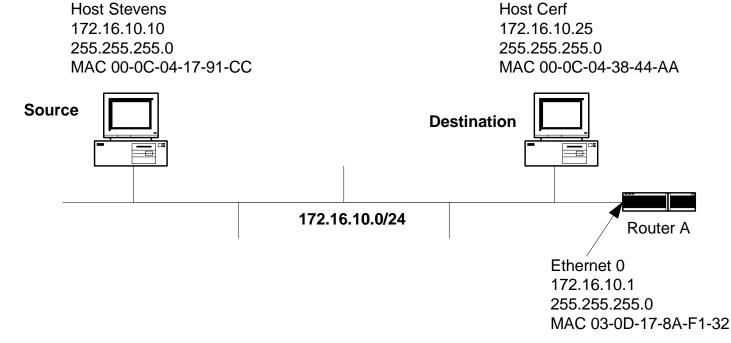
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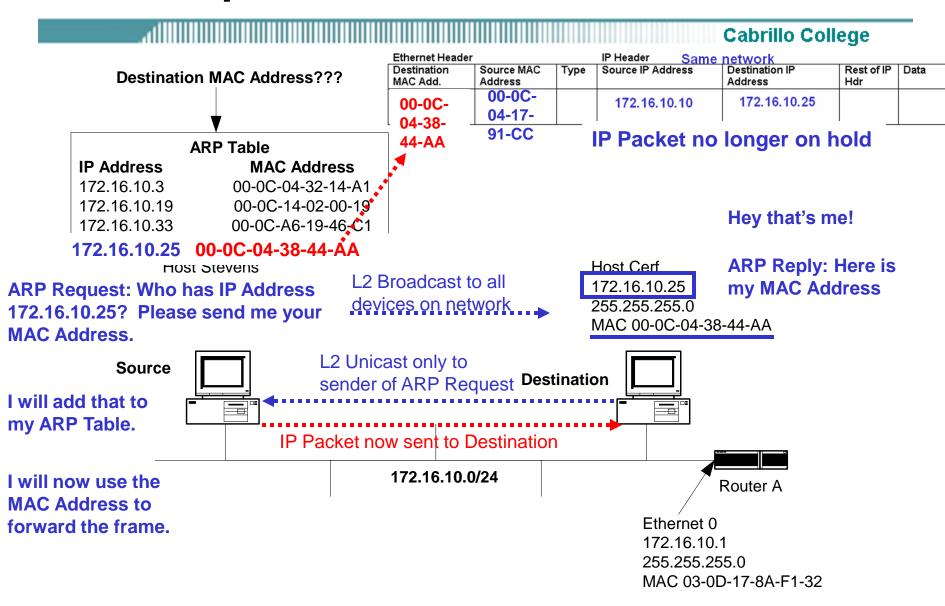
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Destination MAC Address??? No Match ARP Table IP Address 172.16.10.3 172.16.10.19 172.16.10.33 00-0C-14-02-00-19 172.16.10.33 00-0C-A6-19-46-C1

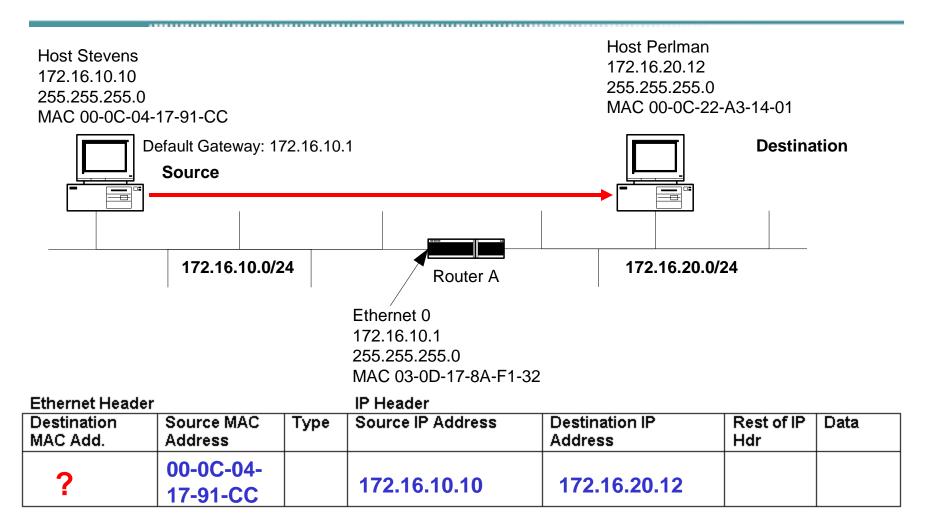
- What if the Destination IP Address is not in the ARP Table?
- How does it get in there?
- The host must issue an ARP Request.



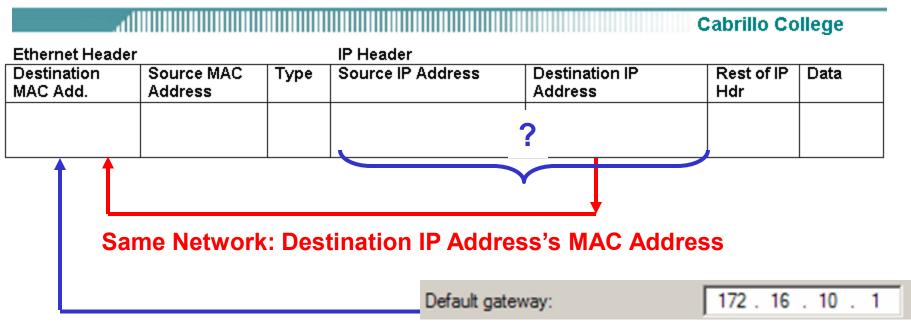
ARP: A quick look



What if the hosts are on different networks?



Here we have an example of Host Stevens at IP address 172.16.10.10 wanting to send an IP packet to Host Perlman at IP address 172.16.20.12



Different Network: The Default Gateway's MAC Address

- The Destination MAC Address will always be one of two addresses.
 - Same network: The MAC address associated with the device's Destination IP Address.
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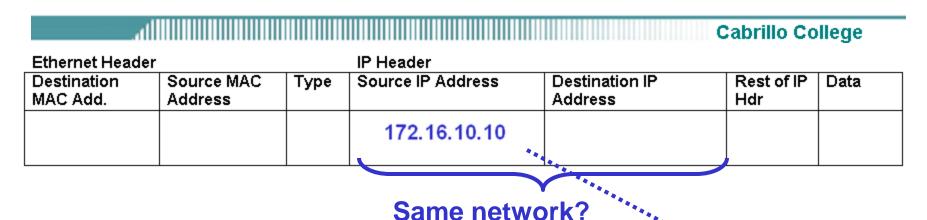
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My Network = 172.16.10.0

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Ethernet Heade	er		IP Header			
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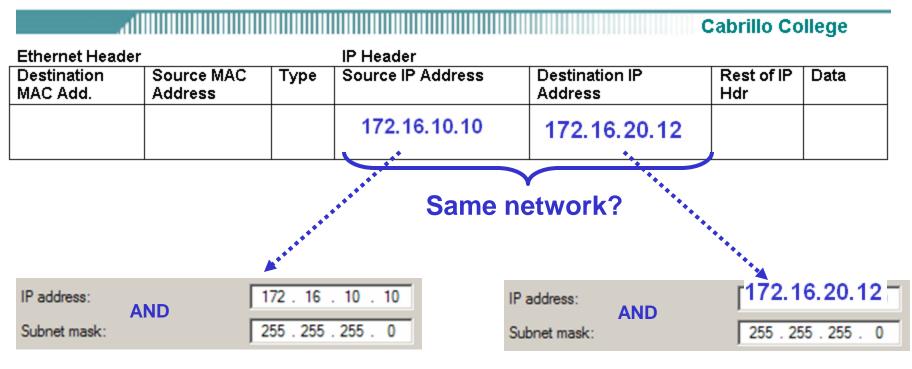
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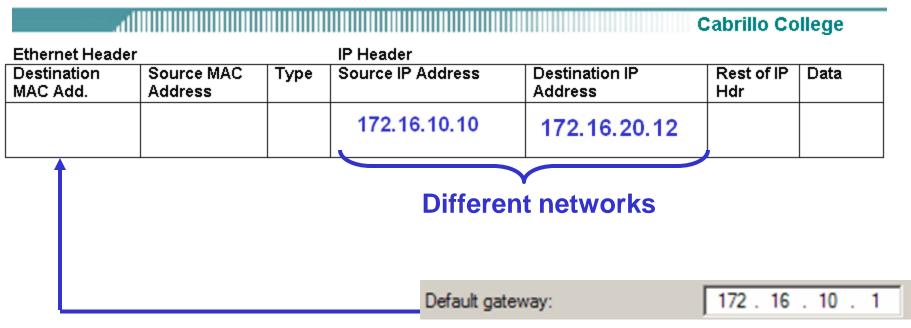


My Network = 172.16.10.0

Destination Network = 172.16.20.0

Same network? NO!

 In this case both the Source IP Address and the Destination IP Address are on different networks.



Different Network: The Default Gateway's MAC Address

- Since they are on different networks, the Destination MAC Address will be the MAC Address of the device with the Default Gateway IP Address.
- The IP Address of the Default Gateway must be known by the sending host in order to commicate with devices outside its own network.
- Where does the sending host look for this information?

ARP: Address Resolution Protocol The ARP Table or ARP Cache

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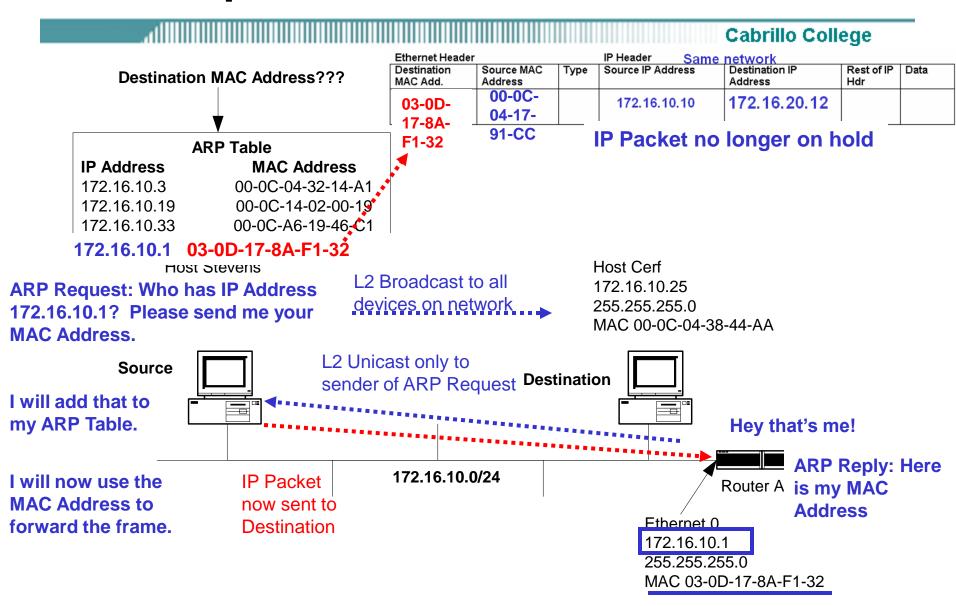
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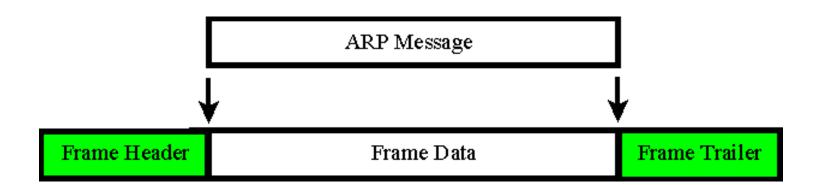


ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)

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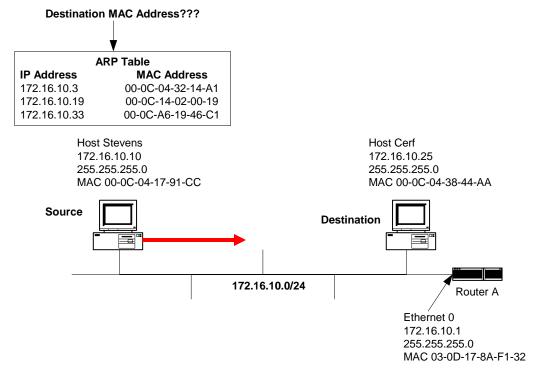
So, what does an ARP packet look like?

Ethernet H	Header		Ethernet Data – 28 byte ARP request/reply				
Ethernet	Ethernet	Frame	ARP	Sender's	Sender's	Target's	Target's
Destination	Source	Type	headers	Ethernet Address	IP Address	Ethernet Address	IP Address
Address	Address	0000	, i.e. op	(MAC)		(MAC)	
(MAC)	(MAC)	0x806	field				



ARP Request: Same Network

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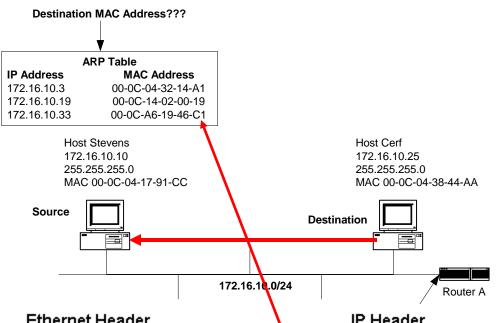


ARP Request from Host Stevens at 172.16.10.10, looking for the MAC address of the 172.16.10.25 (Destination IP Address).

"Hey everyone! I have this IP Address and I need the host this belongs to, to send me their MAC address."

ARP Request from 172.16.10.10

Ethernet H	Header		Ethern	Ethernet Data – 28 byte ARP request/reply					
Ethernet	Ethernet	Frame	ARP	Sender's	Sender's	Target's	Target's		
Destination	Source	Type	headers	Ethernet	IP Address	Ethernet	IP Address		
Address	Address		, i.e. op	Address		Address			
(MAC)	(MAC)		field	(MAC)		(MAC)			
FF-FF-	00-0C-	0x806	op = 1	00-0C-	172.16.10.10		172.16.10.25		
FF-FF-	04-17-		A	04-17-		 ?			
FF-FF	91-CC			91-CC					
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ARP Reply from 172.16.10.25, back to the requester 172.16.10.10.

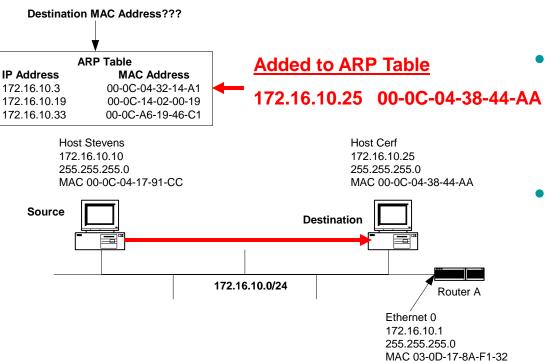
"Hey sender of ARP Request! Here is my MAC address that you wanted for that IP address."

Eth	ern	et Header			IP Hea	der
			_	 	_	

Destination MAC Add.	Source MAC Address	Туре	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Rest of IP Hdr	Data
00-0C-04-	00-0C-04-		470 40 40 40	470 40 40 05		
38-44-AA 🥆	17-91-CC	\	172.16.10.10	172.16.10.25		

ARP Reply from 172.16.10.25

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Ethernet I	Header		Ethern	et Data – 28 by	te ARP reques	st/reply	
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Address	Address		, i.e. op	Address		Address	
(MAC)	(MAC)		field	(MAC)		(MAC)	
00-0C-	00-0C-	0x806	op = 2	00-0C-	172.16.10.25	00-0C-	172.16.10.10
04-17-	04-38-			04-38-		04-17-	
91-CC	44-AA			44-AA		91-CC	



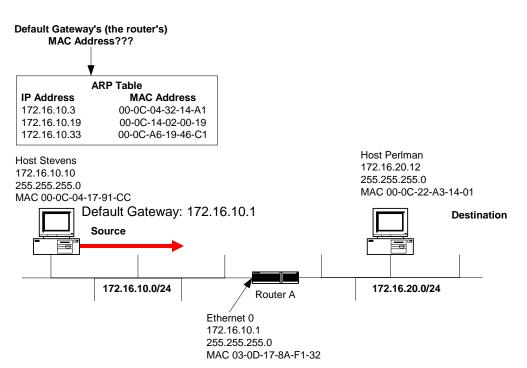
- Host Stevens receives the ARP Reply and enters Host Cerf's IP address and MAC address into its ARP Table.
- Host Stevens now has all it needs to encapsulate the IP packet into the Ethernet frame and send that packet directly to Host Cerf.

Ethernet Header IP Header

Destination MAC Add.	Source MAC Address	Туре	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Rest of IP Hdr	Data
00-0C-04-	00-0C-04-		470 40 40 40	470 40 40 05		
38-44-AA	17-91-CC		172.16.10.10	172.16.10.25		

ARP Request: Different Networks (Default Gateway)

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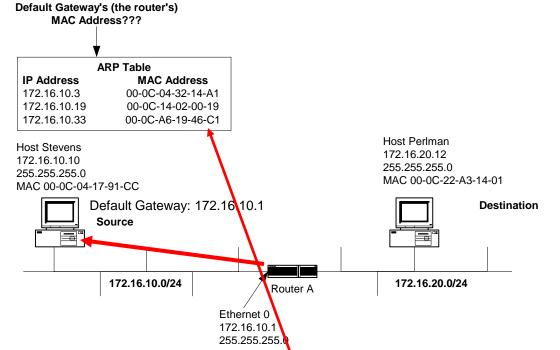


ARP Request from 172.16.10.10 looking for MAC of 172.16.10.1 (Default Gateway)

"Hey everyone! I have this IP Address, 172.16.10.1, and I need the device this belongs to, to send me their MAC address."

ARP Request from 172.16.10.10

Ethernet H	l eader		Ethern	Ethernet Data – 28 byte ARP request/reply					
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(MAC)	(MAC)		field	(MAC)		(MAC)			
FF-FF-	00-0C-	0x806	op = 1	00-0C-	172.16.10.10		172.16.10.1		
FF-FF-	04-17-		_ ↑	04-17-		?			
FF-FF	91-CC			91-CC					



ARP Reply from Router A at 172.16.10.1, back to the sender, Host Stevens

"Hey sender of ARP Request! Here is my MAC address that you wanted for that IP address."

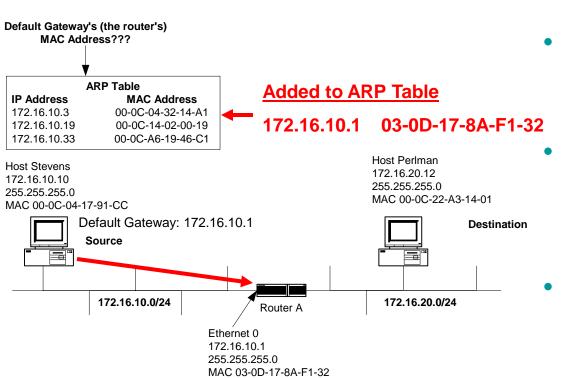
Ethernet Header

IP Header

Destination MAC Add.	Source MAC Address	Typ	e	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Rest of IP Hdr	Data
03-0D-17-	00-0C-04-			470 40 40 40	470.40.00.40		
8A-F1-32	17-91-CC		\	172.16.10.10	172.16.20.12		

ARP Reply from 172.16.10.1

Ethernet H	l eader		Ethern	et Data – 28 by	yte ARP reque	st/reply	
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(MAC)	(MAC)		field	(MAC)		(MAC)	
00-0C-	03-0D-	0x806	op = 2	03-0D-	172.16.10.1	00-0C-	172.16.10.10
04-17-	17-8A-			17-8A- 🗨		04-17-	
91-CC	F1-32			F1-32		91-CC	



- Host Stevens receives the ARP Reply and enters Router A's IP address and MAC address into its ARP Table.
- Host Stevens now has all it needs to encapsulate the IP packet into the Ethernet frame and send that packet to Router A.
- It is now up to Router A to forward the packet onward.

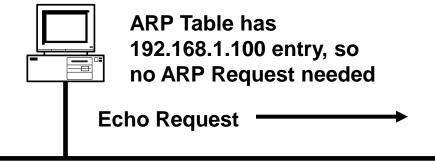
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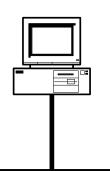
Does the receiver of the ARP Request need to do its own ARP Request?

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192.168.1.10/24

192.168.1.100/24



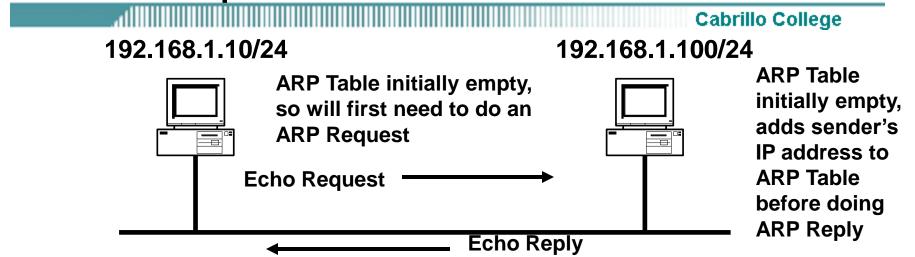


ARP Table initially empty, does ARP Request before Echo Reply

Echo Reply

		Destination IP	Source IP		
000001	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
000002	64	BROADCAST	192.168.1.100	ARP	Q PA=192.168.1.10
000003	64	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ARP	R HA=00A0C98D8C03
000004	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply
000005	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
000006	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply
000007	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
800000	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply
000009	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
000010	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply

Does the receiver of the ARP Request need to do its own ARP Request?

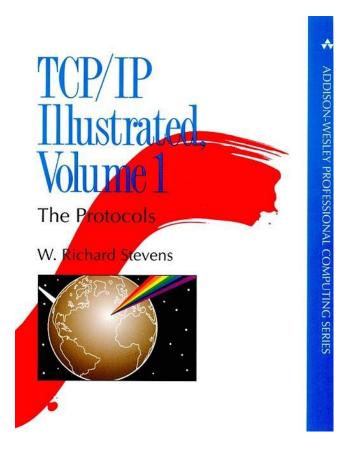


			Destination IP	Source IP	
000001	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
000002	64	BROADCAST	192.168.1.100	ARP	Q PA=192.168.1.10
000003	64	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ARP	R HA=00A0C98D8C03
000004	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply
000005	102	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.10	ICMP	Echo Request
000006	102	192.168.1.10	192.168.1.100	ICMP	Echo Reply
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This is dependent on the operating system. With most host operating systems, the receiver (target) of the ARP Request will add the IP address of the sender of this ARP Request to its ARP Table. However, some devices will not do record the sender of the ARP Request's IP and MAC address and will need to do an ARP Request of its own.

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Suggested Reading: **The Protocols (TCP/IP Illustrated, Volume 1)** by W. Richard Stevens, ISBN: 0201633469

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